



NOTICE OF REJECTION

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Reason

1. The claimed invention is directed to a fuel reformer that uses hydrocarbon and steam to produce a hydrogen rich gaseous fuel. The main constituent features of present claims 1, 2, 11 and 12, namely, a crude fuel gas supply unit, a catalytic section, a gaseous fuel output unit and a gas flow velocity regulation unit correspond to those disclosed in Reference 1 (EP-A2 112613). Further, the claimed crude fuel gas supply unit corresponds to that of Reference 2 (Korean Patent Publication Gazette No. 10-286414). The invention recited in present claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 would have been easily made from the combination of References 1 and 2 (Patent Law Article 29, Section 2).

2. The main constituent features of present claims 20 and 22, namely, a catalytic section, an oxidizing gas supply unit and a heating unit correspond to those disclosed in Reference 3 (JP9-315801). The invention recited in present claims 20 and 22 would have been easily made from Reference 3 (Patent Law Article 29, Section 2).